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Salem, Oregon
April 7, 1939

Dear Folks

I wish to apologize for a rather more than decent delay in writing to each and all of you to appraise you, as executor of Mamma's estate, of the status of her affairs. I have been waiting until some more details could be attended to and this i n turn called for further details. Not a good reason, just an excuse.

Attached herewith is copy of Mamma's will. Since Warren is a non-resident of the state he cannot act.

Just by way of a substantial tribute to Mamma's memory allow me to state for the benefit of all that our Mother was very excellent business head. Her affairs are in excellent shape. If I, who make pretense of being a business man, can leave my affaits in as good shape it will have been an accomplishment.

Bernyce, I ahve assumed from incomplete information at hand, that Elizebeth was of full age and had the paprrs drawn accordingly. If she is still a minor, I presume that you are a duly appointed guardian and can act for her.

The estate as appraised and listed consits of first mortgage on Doctor Smith at Woodburn for $1400 to run for 5 years yet. The other cash on hands will not be quite sufficient to meet all the obligations outstand:

For the information of all concerned you executor is NOT taking the comm sions and fees allowed by law($100 in this case) This is largely a mat of matching an action or rather paralleling the course set by Warren i the disposal of his portion.

Two problems nowm face the estate. They are
(1) Disposal of the purely personal effect and keepsakes.
(2) Dispostion of the stock in the PEP Co and the Puget Sound Title a Trust Co.

By a strict literal wording of the will all of Mamma's furniture (worth about $15) her keepsakes, trinkets, etc should be equally divided among all. Since this is an obviously impossible task it is the legal require ment that they be sold for such sum as they might bring second hand or otherwise and the money apportioned.
However, I have disregarded the strict wording of the will in this r pect. I am holding all the effects intact- in accordance with Mamma's verbally expressed wish- for disposition by Irene.

Any objections to this procedure? Each of you has the copy of the will available. The written, witnessed, word takes priority to any verbal wish. Therefore any objections to my arbitrary procedure will certainly be ver much in order.

The next problem is more difficult. That is the division of the stock.

There are 43 and 45/60 shares of the PEP Co stock- of two issues - 22 shares of one issue and 21 of another. Each issue must be divided 5 ways with the fifth going to Leo's folks split 3 ways.

I do not feel justified in spending the estate's money for the purpose o paying the cost of such division. This stock has a theoretical value of about $3.00 a share and an actual market value of NOTHING. (Par value of $100.00) The company is now undergoing a process of reorganization which is just a process of slow burial. Still, as long at they are a going con then the stock represents potential value.

If I find a cheap way to make the transfer to all concerned then I will so. Otherwise, am open to suggestions as to what to do. You will note t the will providesfor an alternate executor. In case I cannot act, Roy ca contine. This will make possible an eventual disposal of the stock

The c ase

The case of the Seattle stock is the same only worse. The expense of transfer will be greater and the stock actually worth less.

I will put the shares in negotiable form by endorsing them in the proper manner and leave them in my deposit box. This letter will be a proper receipt and valid evidence of possession so that in event of my death the shares can be claimed.

I am openn to suggestions or desires of all in the matter. To restate my position. I do not feel justified in spending the estates money to divide this stock when it at present is not worth the expense transfer. Preliminary estimates show a probable expense of transfer of about $25. The present arrangement of an alternate executor allows for distribution of the stock if-as-and when it ever becomes worth it.

At the time of closing the estate I will senf to each of you an itemized statement of the entire history of the case. This letter has been only a brief statement of facts.

More later-perhaps.

Love to All

Dear Eula:

I brought you a copy of the will so am omiting that from this envelope.

I anticipate that the matter of disposition of effects to Irene will pass over without a ripple. If so then this is by al, odds the easire way of handling the matter.

will you advise those funeral folks that am ready to pay them when they send me the usual itemized statement with the usual affidavit. They have undoubtedly done this many times and will know at once what is needed.

Am afraid that I will have to ask you to take care of the matter of the grave memorial - concrete slab and marble block. I have already asked the local concrete worker for an estimate of the job which will not likely be large. He cannot get on it until summer anyway but funds can be reserved for the purpose.

I am anxious to present to the estate the entire sum of the mortgage intact. This after all should be of primary interest to you since you become the direct and indirect beneficiary of 2/5 thereof- your own and Warrens. The expense of probating the estate are about $50. I am NOT collecting the sums allowed the executor.

If you pay for the grave memorial then the balance of the estate may pay for the probation.

Love to all.

Ernest

Dear Eula; —

Received the box O.K. also your letter explaining it. Thanks so much for the keep sakes, and I know Elizabeth will be glad to have the old, old, quilt. Yes, it will be fine with me, for Irene to have anything that there is, that she wants + can use.

I am glad she will be coming here now before long. had a letter from her, I expect the trip was too much for Margaret to

attempt with Judy.
Judy gets so car sick.
when they come home for their
vacation, they had to stop in
Arlington & take her to the Dr.
So maby now there will be
a way for Irene to stop over
there as she goes back home.
Robert shingled my house
while he was here for his vacation
he is his father just over & over,
has to be doing something around the
place all the time. & as badly as I
hated to have to pay out that much
money, the house just had to be
shingled & it certainly saved a lot
for Robert to do the work.
Suppose the boys will soon be
in school again, did they have
work this summer?

Judy is such a cute
little girl & I am so glad
when they can come, but
they only come once a year.
It seems its about all we
all can do to just stay at
home & make all ends meet.
Robert is doing fine in his work,
and I am so proud of him.
Elizabeth will soon be
finished now. (March), and
she surely has something no
one can take away from her.
And it all has'nt been easy.
Enjoy hearing from you
occasionally, as ever

Bernice

Dear Folks:—

In reply to your letter concerning Grandmothers personal things, will say. I know of nothing that we have sent, but what could be used up, and as for us wanting any thing, we don't, only Grandmother did tell me that she had or was going to label all the quilts, as she intended we should have a quilt, the only thing — I was going to ask, if Elizabeth could have a quilt, one of those very old ones, that she

had when I was first married, that Grandfather's mother had pieced + quilted. What you do with the rest of the things, I don't care, unless there could be something with keeping that could be for Judy. Since Robert was the first Grandchild + Judy the first + Great Grand child, as to the selling of the estate or probating the will, I most certainly

don't want to spend any money on it.
Since none of that stock is paying, I see no immediate need of settling the estate. I have had to take care of my own affairs, and that is about all I feel equal to. I will see Mr. Sawyer when I go to Spokane in May to Elizabeth's graduation find out what I can about that stock there.
Glad to get Irma's board letter. am hoping Elizabeth's vacation will be when I can come here.

as ever
B. Sawyer

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CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR UNION
"FOR CHRIST AND THE CHURCH"

Klamath Valley Hosp
Klamath Falls, Ore.
December 7, 1939

Miss Irene Forsythe
710 Jefferson St.
Oregon City, Oregon

Dear Miss Forsythe:

I want to give you the sincere and hearty thanks, both of the Union and myself personally, for the splendid messages you brought to us in our convention. Someone said that information precedes inspiration. I am sure that you have paved the way for a great deal of inspiration concerning the work in China. I would say that you have done more -- you have brought us considerable inspiration yourself.

Perhaps most outstanding in my mind is the message of the banner which you showed us, " Grace has come to China". We pray that it may abound there.

I only wish that you might have spent more time with us and I hope that you and I may meet again from time to time.

Yours in His service
Hugh C Walton
Union President

HCW:JWK

Dec. 29, 1939

Dear Aunt:

Your last letter reached my hand yesterday. You may imagine the joy and happiness for me to get your letter during this time of a year. I felt so sorry when I heard of your illness, but was later pleased to know that it was not serious, and that you had a fair prospect of speedy recovery. May the Lord be with you in this trying time. Whatever happens to the child of God is by His permissive will and is the best.

I am not quite sure about that lady's point view of judging spiritual things. May be she is right? However even so, I don't believe it is perfect right.

I came back from Iowa yesterday. It was snowing so hard; and the ground was covered very deep snow. There were very few cars driving, because it was almost impossible for them to drive. We came back by train, because

it was impossible for us to get a free ride (hitch hiking). We left Wheaton last Saturday 9:30 A.M. We got about 250 miles of free riding. After that it was so dark, so there was no one like to pick us up. We was waiting about couple hours, there was still no car stop to take us. Later there was a bus came, so went home by that bus.

I enjoyed that visiting very much. that home was a farmer; so I saw so many things which I have never seen before. Those folks ~~they~~ were very nice to me. In that Sunday morning I gave a short message.

Mr. Wang and his family are still here. I think probably they will start to leave here next Monday for Pa. Mr. Wang told me that he will go back to China next September or October. I have seen him twice

or three: and I talked to his wife once. they are acting like "big shot"; may be they are? but who want them to be?! Before they came here, I heard Joyce said that her parents would come, I was so glad. I said to myself — "this Christmas would be the happiest one, because there will be some Chinese folks come here, and special the Christian leader, so we may have some fellowship together!" But I dream has been broken down completely. I felt so disapointed sometimes I felt little angry at them, and I immediately control my temper. Until now I still regard and tread them as common friends. Yesterday after I came back from Iowa, went to see them again. Mrs. Wang did not come out, however Mr. Wang came out; and we had about five minutes conversation. This time he was much better; and showed some appreciation. Aunt, their attitude toward me I handly didn't take it, but as soon as I thought about Christ's death, I took it with a willing heart. Monday they leave here, may be I should say good bye to

them ~~again~~. Joyce probably knows that I have been feeling lonesome a little bit, so she has been so thoughtful to me, and do her best to make me happy. This is the letter she wrote me after I left school. She has helped me so much even during the school time. She is very brilliant and does not have the difficulty of the language; so these ~~both~~ two reasons factors make her a very good student. Probably she will be listed in the honor roll next year.

Miss Lee is doing some Christian evangelistic works there among the Chinese ladies. She is working so hard, from morning till night.

Aunt, now I am very careful about the love affairs. I don't try to love any girl for the time being, no matter whether they are good or bad.

A school-mate of mine, in Chicago has invited me to his home for new year. So I plan to go in tomorrow night (Saturday), and come back on Sunday night. I plan to go to Chinese Church for Sunday worship; and by the way may be I can see Helen also. I wrote a letter to Mrs Warner and Roseburg young people. I am,

Sincerely yours
Paul.

The American Presbyterian Mission,
Weihsien, Shantung.
Jan 23,1940.

Dear Old Pal;

You see I am writing this within 3 days of the eventful day---of which we know absolutely nothing. There has been no corespondence about it, nor any evidence of anticipated "nan ch'us"----may be there wont be any at all. My, how I miss that little radio--with news braadcasts every little while---which is what I really mean. Our news is so limited and insatisfactry--especially felt just after furlo. I guess I will get used to it in time.

It was nice to have your good letter a few days ago. It is down stair and I am writing upstairs, so if some questions are left unanswered you will understand. I am glad you are enjoying the coat as I hoped you would. No, I am not needing it--I have that other lynx coat which I am wearing and which is quite O.K. It was not very hot in Tsingtao, but I put on all I had and was fine. Ruth was down there with a coat of Stel's that she was having a fur inner lining put it, and I wore it home, so was perfectly comfortable. So, Dont worry , I am grand and have plenty to keep me warm.

Soon after Christmas I came down with a cold, and it has hung on like no body's business. My sinuses seem to be involved too, so that I have felt rather miserable---but by no hook or crook could it be blamed on the coat that I left with you. I have only washed my hair once since I came back, and it was getting near the place where I couldn't get my comb thru,so tonight I have heated up my room, and am not going to open my window, and hope that I wont take any more cold---but really it had to be done. Besure and get some one to teach you how to do finger waves---I thought I had learned a little, but I am hopeless when I get away out here.

Prices are simply sky high----flour is $12.00 per sack, bean curd which used to sell for .20 per gin is now selling for $1.10, eggs 7 and 8 cents e each. The new money is about 25 % less than the old. The lives of the folk are in danger which ever brand they carry. It surely is a funny business. Our salaries are away up, but have not in any way kept step with the selling or buying rate of the money that you use. Mission funds however have not been increas so that folks are getting just what they did years ago. At the festivalsoon, we are hoping to give a bonus---50%, 25%, and 10% in porportion to the salary received. It is an attempt to try to help out during this high cost of living.

You asked about my skeleton- ---well we arrived bag and baggage with very little difficulty. The skeleton came thru in grand shape without duty, as well as most of the rest of my stuff. One of my boxes was quite badly battered up, and some of the dishes were broken, but my jam and jelly really came thru in grand shape. Your holley was quite a treat and added much to the atmosphere of our household. The balance that was left we took out and laid on Mrs Mateer's grave. That box was never opened from the time we tied it up down town ther, except when I watered it, until I opened it here.

Last summer there was a bad storm all along the coast and interior too---many lovely old trees were up rooted here in the compound. Worse by farthan that was that in the low flat country lying north of us between here and the sea, a great tidal wave swept in and miles upon miles of land was flooded with salt water. Something like 86,000 people lived in that district and there is real famine there. Many many have moved away from there, going else where,to what ---no one knows. A few days ago a grea t crowd passed the cpmpound returning---to what--we dont know. How to help them---even if we had money--- is a great problem. This flooded area lies in Kirk's district. The lot of the cpuntry people between there 3 enemies, besides flood and famine is surely a very hard one.

Mrs T.N. Thompson is in the hospital with diphtheria, we hear.

Let Mrs. Shubel see this too

Batt Nov. 1/28.

We dont know how serious it is, but of course, her age does not help that out.

Charles has a new motor bike, and the other day, Sabbath he went out to the country to examine for church membership and hold communion, and turned out to avoid a newly dug trench in the road and fell. He went on and had his service, not feeling very good and chilling, and then came on home with great difficulty. He got to the hospital and was gladto stay. He had blood in his urine, and fear that he injured his kidney. He is running a temperature, and we feel concerned about him, but feel that it is probably only a temprrory thing.

Back to hosp. again

Mrs Anspach has been in the hospital with a heart condition, I hear, but is now back home again. The Coonradts are going to the country to live ?--at least they expect to be away most of the time. Mary is to be the station sec. when she gets back.

Doutless you have hard of Donnie's death and know more about it than we do, for we have only had a wire. Mails are slow, and it takes a long time to get word back and forth. She leaves a place that will be hard to fill--not only in the work, but in our hearts as well. You might come up and take her place in the country.???~~xxxxxxxx~~ hao pu hao ?

This is now the momentous 26th---which happens to be E.E.M.'s and Lucy's 14th wedding anniversary--as well as the day that Mray Van is supposed to sail from San Fransico. It is just a bitter cold day too---wind is blowing as only it can in this part of the country. We look out of the window out across thefields, and youc an easily think that tons of Shantung are moving, only to begin and move back again in a few minutes. It is down near zero and seems to be stuck there.

This is the 27th and I want to tell you how we celebrated the Murray's wedding anniversary. They invited us over to supper and the idea was that folks were to wear their wedding clothes. Well, we 3 didn't have any to wear, and then there was Ray who would not enjoy wearing hers----so we tried to think of some thing crazy to do. Ruth had a Chinese wedding garment---bright red padded--simply huge and Ray and I decided to be brides maids--wearing foreign clothes, and Ruth had an old rose dress and a blue one, each with long coats, so we each wore one of her dresses, just as it was, with summer hats--very much tilted, rouge, lipstick and I have a big pair of pearl ear rings--huge ones from the 5 and 10--she wore one and I wore the other. Then we carried artificial flowers--(mine were bitter sweet) Estelle, Ruth's older sister is here, so she went as the brides mother--dressed in black and white. We went in thru the kitchen--and sang the wedding march---well we created quite a stir.

So far nothing has happened. Two of our country men were detained as they came out of the place where we store our filthy lucre in your town and were relieved of the one grand of the old variety and persuaded to walk down the thoroughfare with their hands behind them. It took the official representative to allow them to sui bien. It is a great life if you dont weaken, and sometimes one feels a little frayed around the edges.

Well, I must apply the brakes, and let you do something else. I have been writing this for several dyas, and so I must quit. This brings you just lots and lots of love. Besure and give my love and greetings to your sister and family, as wellas Mr and Mrs Schuble. I shall never forget the nice ride out to Ore. City with those lovely mountains----they were so lovely.

I am so glad you are njoying my coat---enjoy it to the utmost. Hope my suit may come in handy too.

There will likely be some things we will want you to bring--inspite of all that I borught, but I will send you a list later. When you do--pack them so you can declare them---

Lots + lots of love
Martha

Write my cousin Mary E. Roddy + 4 at all
324 S. Hudson go down to Bloomington Rd. Mail
Ind

THE MANSE
25 CHURCH STREET
WEST ENGLEWOOD, N. J.

February I,1940

My dear Miss Forsythe,

We are still hearing echoes of your visit with us, having captivated the hearts and prayers of our people in their interest in your work for China. We deeply appreciated your Sunday morning call letting us share your plans for another day.

We wish you every encouragement in your work at Wheaton and hope you may have the way open to attend the Assembly at Rochester in May before you return to the West Coast and ultimately your field.

We hope you will keep us informed of your final assignment and date of sailing and I shall be glad to further your provision for Paul Fan's further study by whatever use of the enclosed may appear helpful. The newspaper clipping may prove of interest. I assured the reporter your name was not Sing Tao,so it tells the story.

May God Bless You
Sincerely

Reginald Portland

Home
February 18, 1940

Dearest Ones:

How good it was to get Bud's air mail! + a letter from you Eula written Dec 22 + Jan 19, enclosing Richard's letter also! My! I am very sorry about such a bad time of flu! I hope you're all fully recovered. It can be so mean + "sticky", + leaves (Miss Tam has just brought me peanuts so time out) one uncomfortable so long. M T. You has just had flu here. I am so grateful to Jesus that I haven't had it yet! I guess maybe I've had enough now. Counted up the medicine bill today — It is mostly German medicine + of course follows the Gold exchange the total just made me gasp!

Dear ones! — Feb 23 — again a delay. I have been concentrating on typing a report letter; at last, it is ready for the printer so before long, Eula, you will have to call in your "aides". It is such a job! to impose on you! I am making a new copy of the names adding some. I'll also make a list of those added so your copy that I sent will be complete. I thought I should have some more carbons but too. I'll finish that tomorrow. I hope to get the reports off to you

this week if they can do it that quickly. I'll enclose some notes to people Eula; that will mean letter post, Keep the postage bill for me. Take it from that money there. Thanks so for looking after it. My! the new rooms sound pretty! Mrs Tan thought a church that would do all of that for a pastor + wife must be quite wonderful! It surely is nice of them to take the responsibility for that kind of repairs; I do think they are mighty nice to you folks! I wonder + often pray about the Cochrans! Suppose Joanna will be married soon now that she is graduated.

This post week I have improved so much. I have been out in the sunshine several times and feel that before very long I can leave — I don't want to be here if anything breaks. I know you're watching news each day — I still feel very much that there is only one way ahead in spite of orders — that is as I wrote to you

I do have to wait till it isn't quite so cold.

What a nice time you had with the millionaire friends! I expect you did rather gasp at 20 min call to Washington D.C. at 20.00 That was nice of them to help us so generously on the organ.

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How much was it? Is it all paid for? Did Cochrans say to go ahead + that they'd never be back? or did they approve? Mrs. McKillican would be delighted to go to dinner with her family at your house. I see that "Eleanor" wore a red knitted suit for the inaugral day - so that must be the style - There is a message for ramsaks along, thru this. I love Marjie picture just in the edge of the mirror — so many folks have admired it + say that "She is beautiful". I enjoy it — I think of you all so often.

Folks have been so nice to me. They all drop in to tell me the news. Two Sundays I've gone down stairs to teach Mrs. Romig's S. S. class of Tsungteh students - boys - Yesterday two girls wandered in. I enjoy them very much. I felt it such a privilege to be able to do a bit again. Martha had a fall - bursted a blood vessel in her foot so had been in bed all week.

Mr. + Mrs. Romig live in the other part of the house - where Ruth Lukshury used to live. They've been in China 40 years! He is the

4. mission Chairman. It's been getting parties of those leaving off + to get passes etc is a busy job. Ely Lou had a constant stream of people there. She comes over almost every day to visit awhile. She has a daughter-in-law in bed there since July with S.B. — not contagious — just getting early. Ely are soon to join the U.S. caravan — Erin Lou is going to the Bis — she's here for injections + Mrs Hue's matter is very ill about at death's door — just a question of time seemingly. She substitute we tried to get couldn't come — Will be ready to go ourselves by the time we get a substitute.

I'll close this hurriedly! A pretty pink letter — but lots of love to you each one of my dear family. I'd like to have a political confab with you, Be Etta + a ride with you Warren — have you tried uprooting any more trees?

Lovingly,
Irene

February 20, 1940

Dr. John Alexander Mackay, President,
Princeton Theological Seminary,
Princeton, New Jersey.

Dear Dr. Mackay:

I am very happy to write this word of recommendation for Paul Fan, one of our Chinese students, who I understand hopes to enter your institution upon the completion of his college course. Mr. Fan came to us in the fall of 1938 and is now in his second year.

We are happy to have had a part in bringing Mr. Fan to this country and have been thrilled to witness the working of the Lord on his behalf. He is an earnest Christian and has won the love and respect of his associates on the Wheaton campus.

I am confident that Mr. Fan will prove an effective minister among his own people and I am happy to recommend him to you for your prayerful consideration. I am sure he will prove deserving of any help extended to him and we shall appreciate any courtesy which you may find it possible to offer to him.

Should you desire any further information concerning this candidate, do not hesitate to write.

Very sincerely yours,

ECD:mg

ENOCK C. DYRNESS, Vice President
and Registrar

C/c Miss Forsythe

Salem, Oregon
February 21, 1940

To: Heirs of Estate, Amy L. Forsythe.

Dear Folks:

It is my pleasure to announce the closure of Emma's estate and to enclose herewith a check for each equal portion. Total realized $1946.33

All have a copy of the will and know that an equal share goes to each of her children. By the laws of inheritance in Oregon the fifth that would go to Lee is divided half to Bernice and a half to the children or a quarter to each.

I also too the liberty of having the stock in the Portland Electric Power Company divided five ways with the major portion to Bernice since she will ultimately make further division thereof. This stock was not included in the estate, but, disposed of in this manner to avoid undue probate difficulties. Certificates for each are enclosed. No P03731 P03733

There yet remains the further problem of the Puget Sound Title Insurance Company stock of 57 shares. The cost of division will likely be small- a few cents per each person. Funds for this purpose are still available as a small sum is retained for final division.

I am advised that this stock may be sold at a price of possibly $10.00 per share: about 1/10 of its purchase price. From facts at hand this seems to be advisable. I want each of you to please write me stating whether you want it held intact for possible future appreciation, or divided or sold immediately. Division will be made on same basis as the other stock- 5 way split.

Emma's affairs were in remarkably good order. She reveals what were heretofore unsuspected depths of shrewdness.

I had Ruth and Irene together and a division of her strictly personal things. They did an excellent job with what they had at hand. I am grateful for the fact that they took the chart and themselves to make certain that such nice things as there were, were spread around.

As indicated before, there will follow another division of a few dollars for each when the final accounting is made and the last strap brought.

Love to all.

Everett

Wheaton College,
Wheaton , Illinois.
February 24, 1940

The Rev. John Alexander Mackay L.L. D.
President, Princeton Theological Seminary,
Princeton, New Jersey.

My dear Dr. Mackay:

I am writing on behalf of Mr. Paul Fan, of Tsingtao, Shantung, China, one of our Presbyterian young men, who is now studying in the second year at Wheaton College, Wheaton, Illinois. He is looking foreward to full-time service in China, and is hoping to attend Princeton Theological Seminary. There are some questions concerning his course of study and the problem of finances.

A little personal background will help in the understanding of the problem. I have known Paul and his family quite intimately for most of my nearly fourteen years of service under the Presbyterian Board, in Shantung, China, and feel that whatever we can do to help him will truly be to the glory of our Lord and Master.

He comes from one of the oldest and finest Christian families in our area. Before his conversion, while still in High School, he became very atheistic and anti-Christian and had definite plans all made, secretly, for a great anti-Christian movement to drive Christ out of Chiaa. Like Saul of Tarsus, just when the plans were ready, God suddenly stopped him, through the challenge, to surrender his will to Jesus Christ, by a recently converted medical student from Shanghai. Paul was suddenly willing and did surrender to the Master and since then has become a fine, spiritually keen, fully consercrated Christian.

His coming to America was in faith in God's provision and these have been two years of thrilling miracles of which I can give intimate witness. Before leaving China, the final and seeming impossible hindrance was trachoma. It was so diagnosed by two doctors and nurse and did not respond to a years' medical treatment. It was healed by God through prayer and and the cure has been equally attested by the best doctor in Tsingtao and thoroughly corroborated since. I mention it because it was the "Gideon's fleece" which finally proved that it was God's will and plan and that God would complete His work in Paul's coming to America. God answered that test and wonderful guidance and strength to overcome difficulties day by day have been added proof.

At Wheaton College Paul is majoring in science. It seems undoubtedly the best preparation for China, especially to reach the educated, the returned-student, and student groups, because to most of them science is God. It is his hope then in order to be the best prepared possible to get a Master's Degree in Science, in connection with the Seminary course. We realize that this is not the usual course preparatory to the study of theology. It presents the additional difficulty that Latin and Greek, which he has not had, do not fit easily into the course as arranged here. He can do something toward

~~a parable~~

There special manifestations, while far from the basis of christian belief, have given an unprecedented opening for evangelistic teaching leading hundreds of non-Christians to a real experience of Christ as Saviour. To the Christians they have resulted in increased faith, a new dependence on God and a new reality. ~~of the whole Christian~~ Christian.

~~The inroads~~, This breaking through of God ~~has~~ is ~~thrust into~~ into the chaos, ~~to heal~~ into unbelieving hearts ~~now~~ by suffering ~~this and the~~, and by using ~~even the suffering and loss~~ and ~~the~~ salvaged spirit - courage + forgiveness from the ~~suffering of the~~ Christians' suffering ~~has been witnessed~~ open the nothing-miraculous ~~has~~ ends in themselves + ~~have contributed~~ spiritual ~~the~~ ultimate goal ~~of the spiritual~~ faith.

Some of, too that ~~with~~ the ~~growing~~ flow of ~~the~~ becoming army there is often a difference between the ~~Evangelicals~~ who ~~believe~~ ~~the~~ Christians and ~~the~~ ~~those~~ who entirely ~~without~~ former Christians contact. ~~The~~ Many till of unexpected conversation and ~~the~~ ~~this~~ ~~the~~ and ~~the~~ ~~death~~ ~~the~~ spirit in spite of the ~~death~~ ~~the~~ ~~to~~ ~~to~~ pray, In Christ alone the plea for forgiveness for the ~~the~~ enemy in utter dread along with the ~~the~~ ~~the~~ ~~the~~

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(Martha E. Wylie, R.N.)
American Presbyterian Mission,
Weihsien, Shantung, China,
February 1940.

Dear Synodical Friends:-

Furlough over, I came back to the field with a definite determination that I was going to write oftener and now I have been back here almost two months and have not yet "taken my pen in hand."....

Of the changes that have taken place in the year and a half of my absence, one of the most thrilling - and I use that word with caution - is the growth and development of our nursing school principal. When I left he was principal only in name, but now he has grown with the responsibility and the development is surely a joy to see. With the growth has also come a deepening of his spiritual life and he is a real inspiration to me. It is nice indeed to come back and have such a warm welcome and with the new order of things to be relieved of some of the routine things, and have time to do some of the many things that have been pushed aside because of lack of time. Two others of our staff directly connected with my work - the young instructor and the dietitian have both grown and developed....To say that I am happy to be back and working with them is putting it very mildly.

Another of the marked changes that has taken place is the return of all of our foreign group to their jobs. That last year before furlough, we were only a skeleton staff - the women with small children were all out as refugees - so to come back and find life going on as usual seems almost too good to be true....

I sailed, not from San Francisco on the 17th of November, as planned, but on the 19th, from San Pedro, because of labor troubles....We had a very good trip over and pleasant travelling companions. There were seven of us Presbyterians on board, just enough to fill a table in the dining room....I enjoyed them a lot. Again I was impressed with the way the Lord provides friends as they are needed along the way.... Usually I do not feel too well when it gets rough, but the only rough day I felt grand, and I had a definite feeling that some of my friends must have been praying for me, and that their prayers had been answered. Surely more prayers were answered in the ease with which my baggage was taken care of, with the minimum of expense and trouble....

Some of you knew that I was bringing back a skeleton for our nursing school.... In spite of many delays - letters that never reached their destination, etc. "Jimmy" as he has been named, arrived safely. I had asked them to ship him so I could carry him as baggage, fearing that I had already ran over my freightallowance, and that it must arrive in time to accompany me....When our stuff was unloaded on the dock, there was a huge cardboard carton containing Jimmy, well labelled as "fragile". At first we stood him up in our cabin - fortunately my cabin mate was a nurse, too - then there was scarcely room to stir around, so after consulting with the baggage steward, Jimmy was given a place on the top shelf in the baggage room, safe from any danger of being crushed. Since it was for educational purposes, it came in duty free....A case has just been completed for him, and he will soon be residing in our classroom where all of the classes in anatomy will enjoy him.

Work in the hospital goes on unabated. We have just passed the China New Year which is usually a very slack time. This year we had 55 with us on that day as compared with 39 last year, and we have gotten down as low as 19 in previous years. We used to consider 72 our capacity, but this past year, beds have been added - and we never seem to be able to subtract them, so it looks as if we would have to set a new number for capacity. We have some cases who are due to the crises, but the vast majority are ordinary ills, and most of them able to pay in spite of the fact there

has been immense increase in the cost of living, and our rates have of necessity been increased, too. The only explanation we can give for this state of affairs is that the value of money is most uncertain, with the feeling that the bottom may drop out almost any time and that health is one thing that cannot be carried off. To give you some idea of the rise in the cost of living - flour which used to sell for $2.50 or $3.00 now sells for $13. With every assurance that it will soon be higher. Bean curd, which is one of the chief source of protein, used to sell for .20 per catty now sells for $1.20, etc. etc. There are two kinds of currencies in use, and to carry either one beyond certain areas is very dangerous. And yet life goes on in spite of all of these things, with an amazing amount of normalcy.

I want to tell you a little about the country church and the growth that has taken place there. In 1938 there was a net increase of 1800 members, while 1939 showed an increase of 3000. This makes the need urgent for short term Bible classes to teach these young Christians, and also for the "long" term Lay Training School to prepare leaders and teachers to teach them. The long term school goes on with great enthusiasm. Their motto is "Service" and their training is largely toward that end. All through the year the students have been going out on Sundays in bands to the villages on foot or on bicycles holding Sunday schools and in some cases preaching services. They take a light lunch with them and in the afternoon either move on to another village and repeat the program, or remain and hold phonetic script or thousand character classes or give public health talks on some already prepared subject. In this way thousands of children and adults have been reached through the year - not just once, but repeatedly, until they have had an opportunity to really learn.

Sixty-six groups, or couples of these students, are spending their vacation that way now, holding classes as above mentioned or Daily Vacation Bible Schools. These young people are thus getting a vision of and an enthusiasm for service which is surely to mean much to the country church of the future. Their Sunday work has been under the supervision of teachers and after regular preparation through the week, so that there is a unity about it all through the field.

Here is terrible poverty all around us. One of the main reasons for the terrific increase in cost of living is the fact that there is a definite shortage of food, and grain is growing less and less. In addition, the country is feeding not only her own people, but a huge flock of outsiders, besides. To the north of us here lies miles and miles of flat lowland, toward the sea. Last summer a great storm swept all along the coast, and a tidal wave came in covering a huge area with salt water - and real famine stalks there. Something like 86,000 people were affected by this tragedy. Many have left that area, but those that are left are living on the chaff of millet, and eagerly looking forward to when the young leaves will come out on the trees. Some of the groups of students who have been out in connection with the Daily Vacation Bible School tell of having lived on a bran gruel where they were working. With famine, enemy and bandits in the country - the lot of the people is certainly a hard one....

The last few weeks we have been especially conscious of our Lord's care. We have been on the point of being out of both oil for the electric plant, and coal - and by point, I mean actually with only a few hours of grace - and each time, He has provided in a remarkable way....As many times before, I am ashamed of the diminutive size of my faith. The coal shortage promises to be one of our major problems - for even in hot weather, it still takes a good supply to keep us going. We do know that Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever - and there is no shortage with Him.

This takes my love and warm new year's greetings to you each. I am truly grateful for all you did for me on my furlough. Your letters are much enjoyed and appreciated.

Lovingly yours in His service,
Martha E. Wylie

49 Ku Lou Tsai
Peking, China.
March 8, 1940

Dear Miss Forsythe:-

Your letter of Feb. 5 arrived yesterday and I am replying at once to tell you that at the present time we are not allowed to mail packages to America, so I am returning your check for $4.00.

I might say that Betty was mistaken about the price of the old carved ivory ring. They were 4.50 in Oct '38 and would probably be $5.00 by now. You will regret to hear that last night all those interesting shops were burnt out, with the loss of the lovely jades and other precious things. It makes my heart ache for those poor shop keepers.

If you have to pay extra

Lily or Law ?

postage on this letter it is because "occupied China" still has a postage of .25, while the Chungking govt. has raised it to .50 a letter. The U.S. postal authorities recognize only one Chinese govt. while we here are not under it. When we have put on .50 it has been stamped "Registered," which means by new postal-agreement with the Chinese govt. that it should have $1.00 postage and that means more "postage due" in America. We are not to blame and have no way of remedying the situation.

It is too bad that you have to go without your desired Chinese curios but there is nothing to be done about it.

Yours sincerely,

Gertrude P. Steinbeck

July 29, 1940

My dear aunt:

Another week past after I wrote the last letter to you. Thank you for your letter which I got day before yesterday; and through that I know you had an operation. I did not know before you would have an operation by that time. I am glad to hear that the medicine was not too hard for you to take. Now I hope God will give you a good time of rest before you go to the mission field again. We left Wheaton last Monday morning (22th); and after three day's long journey, finally we got here. At night we slept in the cabins. It is not very cold at day time, but rather cold at night. Last several days, our class spent all the times on rocks and different minerals. It is very interesting. I think I'll be able to get a much better grade than the first term.

There are eight in my class, and two of them are seniors who repeat this course in order to get

better remark to graduate this Fall.

All things down here is very simple of course. Before we came here, Rapid city's Y. W. C. A's Summer camp was here. After all I am glad that I come here; and I have enjoyed my camp school life.

There are about thirty of us include the professors only eight of us are boys, and all the rest are girls.

Yesterday morning we had our morning worship in the dining hall; but I went down to Hisega to lead a meeting there. (Hisega is about half mile from here). There is no church there at all; so most people do not know christ. I am so thankful to God for that opportunity of witnessing for Him. This coming Tuesday (to-morrow), there is a lady invite me to her home for dinner; and I accept the invitation, I wish He will give me a good chance

to talk to her family about christ.

When we were on our way here, it was so hot, above 110°. I hardly can breath. It was the hotest weather I have ever met. The wind was hot too. We past through Bad-land; it was the bad land all right, there was no crops, no th trees. but simply the bear ground. Even you can't find any water to drink.

We plan to get back to Wheaton by 23rd of August; so by that time your will be in the middle of Pasific Ocean. I know there will be so many people are ever so anxious to see you back again. May God give you His strength to do His work, so more souls will be saved.

I have so much to do down here also, but I enjoy the work so much. Both chemistry & geology will help me a great deal in my later work with young people. May God bless you.

Sincerely yours
Paul.

Presbyterian Mission, 6Tai Yang Road
Tsingtao, Shantung, China, October25, 1940

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Dear Mr.Pattison:

Our clouds and colour orders being in question, so far the decision is that I may and go out into guerilla area and return to the United States if there is war in very much a question. I have this chance to write a letter by person, and since I have already troubled Mr. Pattison, am writing in further detail, so that I can't get letters thru or receive them, we will know how to carry out my affairs. Besides the insurance and the personal effects I am responsible for in the United States.

My insurance is payable to my brother, [illegible] Presbyterian Church, Utah, Oregon. He has a detailed list of insurance. The insurance for right is in the Greenwich Savings Bank. I enclose a signed order for the withdrawal of not more than for emergency. If necessary, I do so in case my [illegible] to draw out the balance. The premium for 1942 as well as the present [illegible] are to be paid from my salary, regardless of going over the 25% allowable at this rate.

The other matter is that I am responsible for [illegible] Paul Pan, so that no student at theol college, Wheaton, Illinois out from this fund. [illegible] account. It is the payments to him that I want you to know of and to care for even without further word from me. In case of my death all that would be due the Board would be full covered in my insurance and such provision is also already made. As long as he is in school, his allowance will be supplied not from this money. This is to be done in spirit as to christ. So even if you get no word from me all will be full [illegible] arranged for in this way. Thank you. The [illegible] is to be paid from my salary regardless of whether it exceeds the 25% or not.

Paul is a junior at Wheaton. There is almost [illegible] for his tuition. The Board of Christian Education has already proceeded to help him from a special fund and proper application has been made. I am counting on the full $150 that with the monthly payments within the 25%, about which I have already written you, and his balance will be about enough. It is not that will write you. The fees for the summer and the senior year are to be cared for by my salary. I trust that the grant of $150 will be given for his Senior year also. He is absolutely trustworthy and that he writes for you may be sure should be cared for.

He has been accepted, after graduation, at Princeton Theological Seminary and has been promised a scholarship of $2 [illegible]. travel to Princeton and another possible $200 per year while in Seminary will be needed. He has worked some already and will be responsible at any time. The Rev. [illegible] Archer, 710 Jefferson Street, Oregon City, Oregon, knows him and will be responsible at any time. The Rev. Reginald Bowland, The Manse, 661 Englewood, New Jersey, Pastor of the First Presbyterian Church of Teaneck will also do anything to help. Being so near New York, he would be the one to help with arrangements in the East. After graduation Paul's passage and needed money should come from my funds. This is provided for the future and a long way

Paul is absolutely trustworthy and his request for money is enough. The registrars at Wheaton Princeton will always be glad to help or verify but that is not necessary.

These are emergency provisions and great that they may not occur. However I feel that my place is here to carry on as long as the door is open. Whatever happens I enter at it to you that Paul will cared for financially regardless of without further word from me. All a spirit which will not embarass him in any way. My insurance will fully cover any [illegible] with this assurance I will be going soon. I am not penitent but trying to be careful provision for my part as far as I can. Thank you very much. Please pray that Paul will be a re

PaulFor China --

Presbterian Mission, 6 TsaiYang Road
Tsingtao, Shantung , October 31, 1940

Dearest Miss Saxton:

The MaLan church is being dedicated today; it is the end ,or shall I say anew beginning, of a story of more than forty years.

"Give up your 'foreign devils ' religion and I'll protect you".

That was in 1900 and the government official was talking to the men of the eleven families of Christians at MaLan.

"Give it up, I say or I'll do nothing for you".

Mr.Chin was adamant. Recant'. Give his beloved Lord! No he could not do that . The others ,however, scurried home, burned their Bibles,and cleared out any evidence of Christianit from their homes. Rumors were rife; tales of the fury of the Boxers reached Mr. Chin; still he clung to his faith and waited. Days passed- the Boxers were put down before they ever reached MaLan. Those other families not only burned their books but irrevocably closed their hearts to the Saviour. Mr. Chin was left a lone pine on the landscape.

Years passed. Mr. hiss seven sons grew and married. One son went away to teach and the seventh went to the World War. Mr Chin Died. Marriages with non-Christians, isolation from other believers, and a careless indifference born of a lack of a vitalpersonal relationship with Christ made their Christianity a mere profession and hardly even that. They had become, except for the worship of ancestors, one with their non - Christian environment. Old Mr. Chin , in Heaven , must have prayrd for his family.

In 1936 the seventh son's wife attended church while visiting at her mother's home and she was partly awakened; the dying embers at MaLan began to glow faintly. Plans for Miss Hou , Miss Fan , and me to visit them were changed and later a snow storm delayed ther second attempt..How often we have laughed with Mr. and Mrs. Chin over our first arrival.

Mr. Chin, the seventh son , was furiously pacing the room as Mrs. Chin was getting the noon meal.

"Well! when can I make the wine! had the materials all ready once befor and those evangelistssaid that they were coming. You would not let make it then and the material spoiled Then they did not come. Now they say that they are coming and I cant make it now. I'll have no wine for New Year! Why didn't they come before if they have to ", he mumbled.

"Please wait, begged Mrs. Chin, 'make it after they go".

IT began to snow and snowed heavily four or five days. Roads were impossible.

"They'll not come in this weather. Good'. I'll make my wine! " So the winepress was set up in the center room and Mr. Chin gloated over his success at last.

" Uncle ! Uncle ! The evangelists have come. There is a foreigner with them! Their cart is at the entrance at the big street, " called a small boy sent in to announce the arrival.

Mr. Chin fumed and roared, "What how could they come in this snow! Oh! my wine!"

Mrs. Chin hurriedly tried to put things in order, brushed off the brick bed,and eventually reached the waiting cart.

Yes, we had arrived and after what a trip in the early winter dusk. We had left at daylight in order to get through the deeply piled snowy roads. The carter had wrapped his legs in straw and waded up to his knees for many miles.As we slowly made our way thru the drifts the cart had tipped over but noyhing was hurt. We had faced a cold biting wind all day but here seemed a colder reception. We sat and waited.

"Are they not at home?" The boy had returned.

" Yes, they are coming".

Little did we realize the consternation we had caused. At last Mrs.Chin welcomed us the best she could. We passed the fatal winepress on the way to our inner room. We were hardly seated before Mr. Chin entered and asked abruptly", How long are you staying?"

"One week", we answered and he groaned within him- the wine!.

We

We sent out for tea, finished up our left- over lunchand got ready for the night.
"Are you having a little treat,Mr. Chin"?" Miss Huo had gonr out thru the center room and there was MR. Chin heatinga a little pot wine and she could not resist the teasing question.That was Mr. Chin's last drink, we learned later.
"She'd already gone to bed,why didn't she stay there" Mr Chin ,embarrassed and angry mumbled to his wife. That was , we learned later, Mr.Chin's last drikk.

An old building with the whole gable open and with holes in the wall was all that was available for the meetings but in spite of the freezing wind that blew down the speaker's throat and chilled the group , still they came. The Holy Spirit marvelously warmed their hearts, brought convictio of sin, and brought to almost all of the six families then there a real experience of conv rsion and surrender to the Master.We had the joy of praying with each one in this surrender and with some non- Christia s also. We surely saw God's glory there and it was a different group that was left behind.

With the coming of Spring they decided that they must have a meeting place so the old and young, men and women worked to build three on the absent brother's vacant lot nearby. At a later visit we hears the story. ever again was there such a reception as th t first . No more sitting in the cart nor going off to eat a cold lunch. Such welcomes we have since received. Each family has prepared most delicious food and Mr. nad Mrs. Chin have almost embarrassed us with their gofts. It is not that we desire gifts but that their different attitude synbolizes a real love fot the Master.
Mr. Chin has become a most earnest humble Christian and leader of the gro p. Ofte he would come in with his Bible seeking an explanation for some difficult passage ototo share with us some joy. The old love for wine was replaced by the joy of God'd word. On e Mrs. Chin pointed gratefully to the wheat bin. Formerly their land
"Firmerly our land just did not produce enough food for id.These years we have entertainedvolunteer preachers, evangelists, guests who have come for meetings- all have eaten here and still we have more than enough. God Has blessed our land." This I know to be true and on entering that home o e is conscious of the presence and joy of our Lord and Saviour.

Last year while Mr. Conradt was there they planned for a new church- a rall house of God.He said there was awonderful spirit evident. One woma gave her gold engagement ear-rings a other gave a calf and others gave money.They have bought a good- sized building and now have a church.My heart has celebeated with them tho I was unable to be with them.

Thpeoplevillagesfandoli ocpwnikgisawtvillagesaas d iaitaor baequesciristiat growth lies with the individual decision to surrender and obey. We caa only introduce people to Christ. The kind of Christians they become depends very much on them after all.Often there are heartbreakes; again they, as at MaLan make one rejoice. It is a privilege to sh re the growing pains. In Japan, Paul's "litttle children for whom I travail in birth until Christ br formed in you", the again stood out and that verse seemed my commission for the years's ahe ahead.- not that I think I can do that. The only hope is 'Christ i you'. Ma we all be surrendered ,obedient, and faithful until we all are changed into Christts image-'unto the measure of the s ature of the fullness of Christ.
Miss Saxton ,this letter has not been sent to anyone else , do as you like with it.
Most Sincerely,
Sorry I am such a poor typist.

November 3, 1940

Dear Ones:
Mary goes tomorrow and will mail this in U.S. I am enclosing a copy of letter to the Board for your information — in case of my getting out beyond letters. See it has instructions about Paul & I gave your name in case of need. I have tried to provide for everything so my things can be cared for easily.

This is a big question — all life, work & things have been revaluated. All that seems of any value at all is the attempt to bring people into a close relationship with Christ & minister. The China C. has really connected (nothing formal just an understanding that

3] we can beg: I think it might be a wonderful blessing to the church if they had in such an event to support some of us. I do not think many are in my position to go on with this way. The mission chairman said that the other day — having the "family" + such co-workers + all + contacts in the villages. Some it is a tremendous privilege. When I talked with Mr. Davies about it he said, "yes, it is possible if one is made of the proper stuff!" I pray I may be — I asked, "what qualifications?" He said," The assurance of being in God's will and the faith to carry it out"

Anyway, I am not saying I have the stuff in me — but I

9] I go out to guerilla territory + keep out of reach. Of course some point out dangers. Yes, there have been all of these years. "The situation is different now" — yes — that we surely could expect recant consideration of persons + property from the Japanese — but I do not plan to be where they are — I too feel that if there is war then itself I have more to do than hunt up one "old lady". If U.S. doesn't win — we couldn't return anyway. If U.S. does win we can — If that idea to return I then will try to get at West. There is some thought of that now — but nothing definite. Seems to me my job is here — Some say money will be difficult to get there. Perhaps. we may be able to take gold, in little pieces in our clothes. to use; if not

4. I pray for it, for faith, + spiritual power + physical strength. I am sure He has it + will not let anyone down. It is a glad privilege if He grants it to me + counts me worthy even to suffer ——— So, rest your heart, I make the choice, no man with a family is to stay to protect, no blame, no government indemnity (it always comes from those not guilty + is a boomerang on christ) no resentment whatever happens. + it is all up to Him!! He is a grand One to be "stranded on"!

I have not yet mailed the ring. I will later + be mailing the two ivory clips — yours made over + one of mine repaired + the 5) carved walnut ring + the alexandrite. I suggest you ask Molly Schuble to try to sell them to that club group in Portland. You + she decide the prices — I'll tell you later the minimum cost —

Also. I bought 100.00 worth of lace things, at rate 12:38 or U.S.$8.50 a set of eight plate doilies, napkin + long runner of that Venetian lace + also 2 other runners. Plan with Mollys. — You might divide + sell 2 sets of 4 or all one big set. Talk it over with Molly she might help set the price - do as you like about telling her the cost. I'll try to mail them separately as letters + not more than $1 U.S. in

7.) I am mailing the list of names also. I hope it is complete. I typed it on the way up from Shanghai to Tsingtao I have added none —

I wrote Miss Soxton a letter re Ma Lan church. This I just wrote to her. Think she felt I didn't follow rules — so this one she can use as she pleases. If you don't get it later I'll send a carbon copy. First, see what is done with it. I told her I'd write her separately from the reports.

Roy, the trunks were perfectly packed! The big trunk hadn't even jiggled! No wonder! I surely did appreciate it!! Nothing broken so far - (not all unpacked) The wire in the cleaner handle was cut but have put in new + it works well.

6) one package. There are 3 long runners, 8 doilies + 8 napkins. You might sell off per piece as we did some of the doilies. I think it is too bad to spoil the sets tho — — You will know best. I need not add that this is for Paul, you know.

Mrs. Ames moved out of the apartment. Yesterday, I cleaned all day — I did some + watched workmen. Giving it a good fumigation + washing woodwork with hot lysol + soap — It will be calcimined + painted so ought to be safe.

Feel much more myself these days. Had 10 injections + extra Stovic — 6 weeks, today since I was so sick — Glad I'm here not there — I'd not get here then —

§) I forgot to tell you that I'd planned to pack mittens of things with C. friends so when I go out I'll not leave much in my rooms. The cocoa + chocolate are at no duty — Will take a supply of things (bought some of Ann's supplies out to Mrs Tom's + have it there to use in case of need + being cut off. Will also take some coal. Mr. C. may drive his car out that way ——

So don't worry. I'm writing cards to Mr. Mac, Mrs Holman (I promised) + Molly + Cochrans)

Please give my love to all

I've written to most of the supporters this possibility so they'll know —

— Must close now —

— much love ——

Thank you so for the home, the love + all all —— Irene

Frances Irene Forsythe
Presbyterian Mission
TSINGTAO, CHINA
山東青島長老會濟陽路門牌六號

December 3, 1940.

Dearest Sister:

Another hasty letter again! I have had another opportunity to send by person the jade ring + the two jade clips. I gave Mrs. Hamilton who will mail them 10¢ U.S. currency. See how much in stamps are on it + then return to her the postage. If she hasn't put an address on it write postal to the Board + ask for her address. Mrs Hamilton of Tsinan, Shantung gone home to retire someplace in Los Angeles — The Board can give you her address. She may put on more + let you know her address, but to try — to return to her the postage. She said she'd write you if there were duty". I'm mailing a box of tea — in the bottom are a few things just to wish all a merry Christmas. Do as you like with them. Margie + Bessie + you a red lacquer clip or pin — I. C. men the cuff links. They may not need them but I can't find anything for men — Bernice + Elizabeth might like the two clips that are left. If you pay duty try to sell the two items + pay the duty. The tea divide. Sorry it is late I put in 5 pairs of cuff links — the extra

after Twins, Emmett get theirs — maybe sell or
Ray, Twins, Emmett get theirs — maybe sell or
or do as you wish to give to someone
if after long time can't send them to Paul.

Hope this week to get to country. Slow my
I have been so slow. Saturday guests entertained
for the Chinese evangelist from Peking who is
having meetings in Pleasantville, Sunday had
church service + went to two + Monday
again guests for Mr. Wang (we of the station are
giving him this food) — so was too weary this
a.m. — a slow bird to get up but
am better really. Pulse still slow but
am going out to try it —

Nice card + letter from Elmer Sink — did you
write her? Thank all for praying for me
+ loving me + all! all!!!
Will be glad to hear the results of the
tennis work for Twins + Margie + the
major —

In haste, Lovingly
Irene

Student Evangelistic work in China spoke in Y.W.C.A. Chengtu, 2 non-Christian universities addressed classes

FROM PERSONAL LETTER OF REV. STANTON LAUTENSCHLAGER, CHEELOO UNIVERSITY,
NOW AT CHENGTU, WEST CHINA
Written on Train Sian to Wukung

December 6, 1940

Here I am on the train going west, Sian to Wukung is a four hour trip. This p.m. I am to speak at the Agricultural College at Wukung. Just finished five days' work in the historic city of Sian. I spoke 5-6 times a day - yesterday seven times. Even so, due to lack of time I had to refuse to speak at the College of Politics. There are scores of schools - a dozen new ones, at least. One has 1800 students - just opened this year in 160 caves and 20 other buildings. The Commissioner of Education went with me himself. In the Youth meetings we had about 200 decisions.

The five days before we spent in San Yuan, about forty miles north of Sian - English Baptist center, too. I spoke in six government schools and two Christian. In the Christian schools 350 made decisions to become Christian. In one school out in the country we only had one day. Mr. Shih and I each gave two talks and 212 decided to prepare for baptism. The people here nearly all come from Shantung; 12 out of 16 teachers were Shantung people - four of them Cheeloo. In this village Fu Yin Tsun (Gospel Village) 70 out of 75 families are Christian or studying the Gospel. One of my friends from Hankow opened a new school 15 li from San Yuan in the country. I couldn't go there, so all his students, 200 of them, walked to San Yuan to attend the meeting one whole day, and 20 made decisions to become Christian. This is not a Mission school, but the head is a Christian, and they have daily chapel.

We were up north across the Yellow River and spent three days with Marshall Yen. He called his leaders and people together, and I spoke to 1000 people there. The Chairman was the Chairman of Shansi. He referred specially to my statements about religion. He said, "These ideas I believe, don't you?" And all shouted, "Wamen hsin" (We believe). His whole ~~leadership is socialist~~. They want to abolish metal money and organize community banks, etc. In all these areas great cities in caves are growing up. The caves are grand, clean and whatewashed - warm in winter and cool in summer.

We spent five days at the other place in the north, a city of 40 li long and 20 li wide, all in caves - schools, hospitals, etc. All mothers get six weeks medical care free, $40.00 to clothe and get ready for the baby, and $10.00 a month for its food. Officials wear common clothes, getting a living and $5.00 for a month. No graft, no profiteering, no prostitutes and no rickshas. Walk or ride horses, but nobody rides the people. I saw done what we Christians have wanted to do for years, and I told them so. Here too all doors are open. Students and officials told us that a "Y" and church would be welcome and that opposition is gone. Cheeloo graduates, former Y.W. secretary, many Christian students, all told us the same thing. The highest officials said we may rebuild the church on the old site or elsewhere. They said, "We asked the 'Y' to come last year, why didn't you come?" The Moslems have built a mosque, and officials all attended the opening meeting. Many asked for Bibles. At a big student meeting the student chairman announced that we represented the Church, and thanked the Church for help to the student hospital. In my talk I told them why I believed in religion and in Jesus, and it was received with enthusiasm. Many Christian students followed us down the mountain, and called after us, "May God protect you on the road."

Portland Presbyterial Society

Portland, Oregon

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Dear Friends;

The year of 1940 will soon be only a memory. So I turn me again to the year that is new, and I enter with joyous face. It is mine to make or to mar as I choose. One more mile in life's race. Opportunities are there, battles are there, but God giveth strength I know. May I go straight on with a courage high and a heart with faith aglow.

On January third at First church and on January seventh at Mount Tabor church we are going to hear our own Virginia Mackenzie who has just arrived from Shimonoseki, Japan, talk on "The Summing up of Present Conditions in Japan." This perhaps will be our only opportunity to hear her on this subject. Both of these meetings will begin at 1.30 p.m.

Then on the evening of January third at Rose City Park church at 6.30 p.m. there is to be a Youth banquet with Rev. Clayton Griswold as guest speaker. Rev. Griswold is Secretary of Youth Budget Plan. Let us do everything in our power to get our young people to attend. At 8 p.m. in the church parlor a conference for church leaders who are interested in the Youth program of the church. - A brand new Youth Budget picture will be available until Feb. 1st. at the office of Dr. Millar. Call BE. 7913. No charge for the film.

Miss Ellanore Ewing from the Board of National Missionswill be with us at our Executive meeting on January 28th 10.a.m. in the chapel at First church.

The end of the third quarter found us $208.73. over our giving of this time last year and I am praying that we will go the second mile. And when our books are closed at the end of th the year we will find that we have really made our Presbyterial apportionment. That means the giving of that $860. over our local apportionments.

Do you grow weary hearing me say "If each of our women in Portland Presbyterial would give 5¢ per month mo re we wpuld have the desired amount." But that is our goal you know We have just two months and ten days till the end of the year. Will you ask your women to make this a matter of prayer daily? We must also pray about the work of our nominating committee, that the right woman might be chosen for the right office.

May this indeed be a Happy New Year for each of you.

Sincerely yours.

Pearl E Sanders

Mrs. Glen Sanders.

so I still feel that I could carry out my plan. I think great cold is over - Spring is coming + then it will be easier yet to go. We had a funny coincidence of helper. Each one has, so far, had been work out work for a long time, came here, helped a few days + found a permanent work. Now a woman has come, this big, taller than I, rather big boned. She makes me laugh for when she comes up the stairs it sounds like a group of soldiers charging to battle. She tries very hard + will do for now. even for her there was chance, just as it is to get a permanent job. Of course I'll help her get that if I can. She is a widow; 10 yrs ago her husband - a R.R. good job. She had a cook + amah. One never knows how circumstances turn do they? Some have called this have a fine.

Such a nice sunny room. I have + it has been a blessing. I surely have been blessed beyond all others. My thinking of people who have no one to care for them, no homes, no medicine. Some one wrote of seeing French refugees - old women - moans. Here I am warm, care + medicine + an attractive room. News today from Mr Chang of a new village - waiting to be opened + a woman to entertain - new + new Christians in a village. It sounds of years ago, etc. first makes me want to go.

Please do thank friends for letters + ask them to forgive no personal replies! ~~It takes~~ They were nice to do it.

Letters take so long, even a month since yours

Feb 7. 1941

Just a note to follow the last letter which has had tremendous - one epistle "on it" - so you will know that at least I'm not afflicted with sleeping sickness kind or paralytic kind, I see. I have heard a few things about the rickshaw animal since I wrote. Human not very much. I do know it is slow & records from experience + and that several folks have greeted me "Why you don't look sick?" - So you know I've not wasted away. I'm up more + more + eat + sleep normally. So rest your hearts. If he will soon. The pains still come + go mid bones + joints (the fleeting ones) and then there are more permanent ones - nerve rheumatism I guess it is not supposed to get well soon.

Martha W. was down again to see her sister-in-law + nephew off to U.S.A. They were on the boat coming out with us. Big depletion in women + children + a few men. Number have gone through from Peking Language School has moved to P. Islands.

My robust illness is my big prayer - the plan to stay on whatever happens so far I think it will not affect it unless there should be a very sudden emergency - and at that even